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ENRICHED URANIUM FOR BRAZIL

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1. IN DISCUSSING THE CURRENT IMPASSE ON THE URENCO  
SUPPLY OF ENRICHED URANIUM TO BRAZIL, WILMSHURST OF  
FCO COMMENTED THAT THIS HAD BEEN SEIZED ON AS A CONVEN-  
IENT PRETEXT FOR ATTEMPTING TO FORCE THE NETHERLANDS TO  
OPT OUT OF THE PROJECT. HE AGREED THE BASIC PROBLEMS  
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DUTCH CABINET AND THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH  
FUNDING THE PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SHAREHOLDINGS OF THE  
DUTCH SLICE OF URENCO.

2. WILMSHURST SAID THAT THE UK, FRG AND THE NETHERLANDS  
HAD AGREED AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL THAT NO NEW SAFEGUARD  
ARRANGEMENTS WERE NECESSARY AND THAT THE DUTCH AND

BRITISH COULD BE TIED INTO THE FRG-BRAZIL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT. THE BRITISH STILL PREFER THIS AS THE MOST CONVENIENT APPROACH, BUT THE GERMANS ARE ALMOST HYSTERICAL IN MAINTAINING THAT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO PROCEED AND THE BRAZILIANS SIMPLY DO NOT WANT TO GO BACK TO THEIR LEGISLATURE. ON THE OTHER HAND, WILMSHURST FELT THE DUTCH WERE IN A REAL BIND AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WANTS TO PROCEED WITH URENCO BUT MUST SHOW HE HAS GOT SOMETHING MORE IN A NONPROLIFERATION CONTEXT OUT OF THE BRAZILIAN ARRANGEMENT. (IN AN ASIDE HE VOLUNTEERED THERE IS STRONG ANTI-GERMAN SENTIMENT IN THE NETHERLANDS WHICH MILITATES AGAINST PROCEEDING WITH THE FRG AT ALL, TEMPERED BY THE REALIZATION THAT IF THE DUTCH WERE TO GET OUT OF URENCO THIS WOULD MERELY ALLOW IT TO FALL INTO THE LAP OF THE FRG, WHICH IS THE LAST THING THE ANTIS WOULD WANT.) THE UK HOPES THAT THE SOP OF AN AGREED URENCO POLICY GOVERNING NUCLEAR EXPORTS IN GENERAL, ACHIEVED ALLEGEDLY AS A RESULT OF DUTCH PRESSURE, WILL BE ABLE TO RESOLVE ALL THESE CONFLICTING DESIDERATA OF THE DUTCH.

3. WILMSHURST NOTED THAT ONE ASPECT OF THE DILEMMA WHICH MAKES ITS RESOLUTION EVEN MORE DIFFICULT IS THE EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF DUTCH POLITICIANS IN THIS AREA WHICH CAUSES THEM TO KEEP THEIR OWN OFFICIALS UNINFORMED. HE NOTED THAT DURING A RECENT CONVERSATION ON THE SUBJECT, A DUTCH MINISTER HAD ASKED, NOT FOR THE FIRST TIME, FOR THE UK TO KEEP HIS REMARKS ON THE URENCO SITUATION STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, EVEN FROM HIS OWN CONFIDENTIAL

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